

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Richard L. Giroux, et al.

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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR WELLBORE CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION

Group Art Unit: 3672

Examiner: Hoang C. Dang

Customer No. 36735

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 6, 2006**

This is a Supplemental Response to Applicants' Response to Office Action filed on October 10, 2006. Please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0359.P1/JCH, the fee of \$ 700.00 for 10 additional claims including 1 independent claim, and for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.